

LOST HUSBAND TURNS UP WITH ALASKAN WEALTH

NEWS OF FORTUNE WRECKS
A ROMANCE AND WOMAN
MAY DIE

PERSISTENT LOVER
SHOOTS INTENDED WIFE

AFTER PREPARING HOME
FOR WIFE OF ABSENT
MAN, USES PISTOL

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—North of 53 few letters are written. The mail service is bad, for one thing; paper is scarce, and the aurora borealis makes poor light for authorship. So men live by the law of tooth and nail, dig for gold, and do not swamp the southbound, rural Alaskan mails with their affairs.

Mrs. Gabriel Loeffler, still young and still pretty, had not heard from her husband since he went away three years ago to hunt yellow metal in the frozen wastes, where a dog is a horse and a capable trigger finger of more value than a prayer book or a college education. At first she had looked every day for the postman, but nothing that he brought was marked from Nome and her husband's parting words began to have a real meaning to her. Time he set passes.

"If you don't hear from me within two years," he had said, "consider yourself a free agent, because I will be dead."

The two years passed, and Leopold Kellner came to live at the boarding house of Mrs. Augusta Marks, 716 North Wells street, where Mrs. Loeffler had a room. They met each other every day and Kellner made love to the woman whose status as wife or widow was locked in the great archives of Alaska, filed away for judgment day. Kellner urged the improbability of the husband's return and questioned her right to spend more of her life waiting. The flesh and blood rival finally proved stronger than fealty to a husband who had not spoken for two years.

Wife Waits Six Months.
"Wait six months," said Mrs. Loeffler, "because there have been Enoch Ardens outside of a book."

Kellner spent the six months in preparing a home to receive his wife. At the end of the grace they became engaged and agreed to announce it at the birthday party of Mrs. Marks, to which they were both invited.

Saturday morning Mrs. Loeffler received a battered letter from the postman, dated from an Alaska office. The contents were just a few rugged lines to break the three-year silence and telling of victory at last, the discovery of gold and preparations to return home. Gabriel Loeffler ended by saying that he was coming back to share the lucky strike with his wife.

Lover Hears of Letter.
At the party in the afternoon Mrs. Loeffler in agitation called Kellner aside and showed him the letter. Kellner begged her to go away with him, to repudiate her husband, and become his wife.

Mrs. Loeffler tried to explain the impossibility of the situation and told Kellner that she had no legal or moral right to marry him when she knew her husband was returning.

"I should think you would be happy that this letter came when it did," she said, "saying us from what would have been tragedy."

Uses Revolver Twice.
"Happy?" said Kellner, and turning away he ran upstairs to his room.

Mrs. Loeffler was standing at the bottom of the stairs, the letter from Alaska in her hand. She was a fair mark. Kellner raised his revolver and fired.

"He'll have to come farther than Chicago to get you, dear," he said, as Mrs. Loeffler spun and dropped. "And now I'll join you."

Kellner put the revolver to his head. The bullet entered his right temple, penetrating the brain.

Mrs. Loeffler is fighting for life with a bullet in her right breast, and, according to physicians, the chance of her ever seeing her husband is slight.

MANY TEACHERS OF COUNTY TAKE EXAMS

MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSION EVER
HELD, SAYS MISS DOOLITTLE;
QUESTIONS HARD

Seventy Logan county teachers took the county examination for certificates at the session just closed. This is about three times the usual number for this period of the year. The examinations take place semi-annually. The questions sent out by the state superintendent for this quiz were unusually hard and covered a large scope, requiring much general knowledge.

The large majority of the county teachers have signified their intention of attending summer sessions of normal schools. The greater number of them will attend the Central State Normal at Edmond. The summer session will begin there on May 24th.

"While the number of teachers taking the work at this period of examination was unusually large and the work decidedly rigid, I believe I experienced more pleasure during the session than ever before," said Miss Doolittle, county superintendent, today. "The teachers were unusually intelligent and all seemed anxious to make a high grade and worked faithfully to that end," she added.

Here are a few of the questions answered by those taking the examination:

What are the duties of a grand jury? What is a change of venue?

What is interstate commerce and what legislative body regulates it?

Name five powers forbidden to the United States by the constitution.

In what ways does the national government get money?

Distinguish between a national

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CONGRESS SPEAKER URGES FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE

(By Associated Press.)

Muskogee, Okla., April 27.—Organization of each farm in the United States into an efficiently supervised factory, busy throughout the year, which shall sell its products through co-operation with other sub-factories was urged by Charles Dillon, of Topeka, Kan., as a solution for what he termed "one of the most pressing economic problems the American public is facing" in an address before the Southern Commercial congress here today.

Dr. J. D. Eggleston, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, told the Southern Commercial congress here today that ninety-seven out of every hundred school children "go forth into life unable to apply their so-called education to the immediate problem of making a living, the problem that immediately confronts them."

"A purely academic course of study—the kind we now have," said the doctor, "causes the school to become an active emigration bureau and either depopulates the community or keeps it at the least at a stagnant standstill."

United States Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, who delivered Muskogee's welcome to the Southern Commercial congress yesterday afternoon, predicted that the next ten years would demonstrate in the South "the most remarkable changes which have ever taken place in the United States, unless there be excepted the rapid development of Oklahoma, when the lands were suddenly thrown open to settlement."

FRANK A. POST PROPERTY GOES AT SHERIFF'S SALE

Twenty shares of stock of the Guthrie Cotton Oil company were sold at public sale by the sheriff on execution yesterday at the front door of the court house. Lots 23 and 24 in block 15, East Guthrie, were also sold. The 20 shares of stock in the Cotton Oil company sold for \$1,000 and the lots and house for \$250. Judge A. G. C. Brier bid them in for Robert Sohlberg. The judgment was against Frank A. Post for \$2,502. The house is valued at \$2,500 and the stock at par value of \$100 per share. Sohlberg held the mortgage.

Manager Hansford, of the bath house, is enjoying a visit from his mother.

TELLING WHAT HE THOUGHT OF WM. BARNES' POLITICS



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Theodore Roosevelt on Witness Stand.

EMBRY SAYS SMELLING IS NOT HIS JOB

NEW PROSECUTOR OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY DECLARES HE'S NOT A SLEUTH

John Embry, county attorney of Oklahoma county, was in the city this morning to appear as counsel in a McBrine warrant case in district court, in which a Ponca City bank seeks to recover on a warrant on the grounds that the warrant was forged. The case was not called.

"How does it feel to be in the prosecuting game, again?" Embry was asked.

"Quite natural," he replied, "but I don't like the restraint. I did not care for the place the commissioners of Oklahoma county voted to me and I do not expect to hold it over six months."

"Can you clean up the work in that time?" was queried.

"That's a misconception; it's not my business to clean up the works. People who expect me to become a sleuth and ferret out law violators will be disappointed. That's not my business. I shall prosecute vigorously when cases, with the evidence, evidence mind you, are brought to me, but I shall not constitute myself a smelling committee and no self-respecting prosecutor will do so."

Chief of Police Nichols and Mayor Ed Overholzer have agreed to enforce the law. If Nichols makes the arrests I will see that the trimmings are put on. Conditions in Oklahoma City are no worse than in other cities, size considered. But they are bad enough.

"Will you be a candidate for governor?" was asked.

"I'm not talking politics," said Embry. "I'm talking law enforcement."

HIGH WATER IN THE STATE DAMAGES CROPS

Washouts on the line of the Ft. Smith & Western has caused a temporary suspension of traffic between Guthrie and the east side. Bridges are out at Warwick Junction and at Falls. "The worst rains in the history of the road fell east of here Sunday and Monday," said an official today. It is hoped that traffic will be resumed by Wednesday afternoon.

Try a Leader Want Ad.

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FATE OF PETER WHITTAKER IS NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

TRIAL OF NEGRO SCHOOL TEACHER, CHARGED WITH KILLING BROTHER-IN-LAW, CLOSES

The fate of Peter Whittaker, negro, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Williams, on the night of March 13th is in the hands of a district court jury.

The trial began yesterday morning and much testimony was taken. Arguments closed at 3 o'clock this afternoon. County Attorney Arthur Swank and Deputy Attorney Warren prosecuted and James Hepburn appeared for the defendant.

The trouble that resulted in the killing of Williams began several years ago over domestic matters and became intensified as time went on and tale bearers became active. The testimony developed the statement that on several occasions Williams had threatened bodily injury to Whittaker, should he ever cross his path. On the night of the killing of Williams, both men had been to town. Whittaker was standing in the roadway when Williams came by. The fight that culminated in the death of one and the arrest of the other began immediately.

Whittaker is a school teacher and has a good reputation.

NORTON OF TULSA IS SAVED FROM LONG TERM

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson today commuted to a year and a day the seven year sentence of William R. Norton, convicted of misappropriation of funds of the old American National Bank of Bartlesville, of which he was president. Norton will serve his term in the Leavenworth penitentiary.

RACES WILL BE RUN NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"The matinee races, scheduled for last Sunday afternoon will be run next Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds, weather permitting," announced Dr. W. E. Furrow today. The Booster band will not play. The Furrow-Adler band, newly organized, will play.

LIGHTNING PERILS . BLACKWELL GAS FLOW

Blackwell, Okla., April 27.—The largest gas strike ever made in this section was made Sunday by the Spencer Oil company northeast of Blackwell. The strike was 35 million at 3,260 feet. There is danger to the open gas flow from lightning in a storm now in progress.

\$30,000 GIVEN FOR WIDOW'S HEART

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Mrs. Ida M. McNabb was awarded \$30,000 heart balm by the jury in her suit against John S. Kinney, 78 years old, millionaire mine owner of Michigan.

The suit has been going on for the last week and the pretty 37-year-old Milwaukee widow appeared on the stand in her own behalf.

Although Mrs. McNabb declared in her bill that the breach of promise by Kinney was worth \$500,000 damages, she is well pleased with the jury's verdict.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY
Eaton, O., April 27. — John Mattix, who will be 98 years old on June 16 next expects to do a man's work on that day.
"How do I do it?" queried Mattix today. "Listen: Eat plenty of onions, do plenty of work, get plenty of rest, chew and smoke plenty of tobacco, and don't worry."
Mattix frequently walks 15 miles in a day.

LITTLE BELGIUM ARMY IN MIDST OF BLOODY STRIFE

THE GREATEST BATTLE OF
WESTERN ARENA NOW
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GERMANS GAIN GROUND
BUT AT GREAT LOSS

ITALIAN AMBASSADORS ARE
HASTILY SUMMONED TO
APPEAR IN ROME

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 27.—The little Belgian army is once more in the midst of a furious struggle. It is reported that it has repulsed three successive and fierce attacks of the Germans south of Dixmude, in a great battle now under way in Flanders.

A statement from the Belgian authorities describes the activity of yesterday along the whole section of the front held by the Belgians.

London is now speculating as to whether the fierce German attack marks an attempt to force the way to the English Channel, or is a feint, preparatory to striking a blow at some other point on the six hundred mile front. It is admitted that the Germans have already gained substantial success in the battle.

History will probably place the big battle now on in Flanders as one of the greatest, if not the greatest fought in the present war. Many brilliant attacks and counter attacks were made by the undaunted Belgians, under the leadership of their beloved king, Albert.

War Looks Probable in Italy.

Rome, April 27.—Italian ambassadors at Paris, London, Vienna and Berlin have been summoned home for a conference by foreign minister Sonnino. Grave and important decision by Italy is expected.

GERMAN DESTROYED TO INTERN THURSDAY

(By Associated Press.)

Newport News, April 27.—The German commerce destroyer, Kronprinz Wilhelm will be interned Thursday.

HOW ROOSEVELT SLIPPED ONE OVER ON PLATT

(By Associated Press.)

Syracuse, April 27.—A telegram, in which former Senator Platt urged that E-President Roosevelt sign the bill exempting from the franchise tax bill, the grade crossings of steam railroads, and said that "our friends of the New York Central and Senator Dewey were anxious" was read at the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial today. In reply the Colonel wrote Senator Platt that he had received the telegram "too late."

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(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., April 27.—Tonight and Wednesday, unsettled.